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TEN CENTS A WEEK

ER 40 LIVES LOST

Accidents Near Berkeley, Cal., and In England.

UNDER WORKS EXPLOSION

Tons of Dynamite Let Go Which Took the Bay Region Around Berkeley Like an Earthquake—Flames Followed Explosion.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 22.—With a shock that shook the entire bay region like an earthquake, the packinghouse of the Hercules powder works at Pinole, five miles north of here, blew up on Saturday and in the explosion four men and twenty-four Chinamen killed.

Tons of dynamite went up in a terrific blast, shattering the sheds and splinters.

M. Stillwell, foreman of the packing house, was blown to atoms at the moment of duty.

Rafael Enos, Joseph Grace and W. Rodriguez were the other white men killed.

The twenty-eight dead included a man who was at work in the packing house.

Flames burst forth in the ruins following the explosion, and threatened the adjacent house, where two scores of girls were at work.

Panic ensued, and many were cutting glass and crushed and trampled in the mad rush for the doors.

Newcastle-On-Tyne, England, Feb. 22.—Fourteen miners lost their lives in an explosion in the Glebe pit in the village of Washington Thursday.

There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the accident, and only one escaped.

Shortly before the explosion occurred 100 miners ascended from the pit.

RAY ACCEPT INVITATION.

Partisan Dinner To Be Given in Honor of Governor Johnson.

Paul, Minn., Feb. 22.—Governor Johnson Thursday night sent his invitation to Congressman F. C. Stevens, Washington, in answer to an inquiry whether the governor would accept an invitation to a complimentary partisan dinner in his honor to be given in Washington.

Governor Johnson says that he has nothing that would take him to Washington before May 14, when he will attend the conference of governors called by President Roosevelt to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of the country. If in the meantime he should find it necessary to go to Washington, he would be pleased to accept the invitation.

TRAGEDY IN ATLANTA.

Hand Slashed Wife Then Fatally Shot Himself.

Atlanta, Feb. 22.—After slashing his wife across the forehead twice with a knife she was asleep with some kind of weapon, which has not yet been recovered, J. B. Campbell, an invalid for years, killed himself about 1 o'clock Friday morning, sending a bolt through his jugular vein at his home.

Campbell was a well-known citizen of Atlanta. He had been living in the city for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. Cartledge Campbell, J. B. Campbell, Jr., Miss Sarah Campbell and Mrs. H. B. Morris.

Death of Judge Bishop.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.—Judge J. H. Bishop, Jr., one of the foremost lawyers in the south Georgia, died Thursday morning at 6 o'clock after a week's illness of pneumonia. Judge Bishop held many prominent positions and was a member of the law firm of Bishop & Bishop since the firm's formation twenty-six years ago.

Business Blocks Burned.

Woodstock, Conn., Feb. 22.—Business blocks, a hotel, and a stable were destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

LONGED FOR WIFE AND MOTHER.

But Man Died Before They Could Come from Afar.

New York, Feb. 22.—When Abraham Scher, who was buried Thursday, from the home for incurables at Hawthorne, realized recently that he was dying, he pleaded that his wife and four children in Poland, Russia, be allowed to come to this country, and see him.

After investigation the Home authorities informed Scher, who had left Russia two years ago, and a year later became ill of cancer, that the immigration laws would prevent his family landing in the United States.

Mrs. Lathrop, a Sister of Mercy at the Hawthorne home, however, decided to take an appeal to President Roosevelt. The president took the case up with Secretary of Commerce and Labor Strauss and Commissioner of Immigration Hawthorne was consulted.

It was then arranged that Mrs. Scher and her children should come to New York. Isadore Strauss having been appealed to and having sent the wife and mother \$200 to pay the expenses of the trip. Friends guaranteed that the Schers should not become public charges.

When Scher was told his wife and children were coming he cried with joy. Tuesday, however, his condition became grave and Wednesday he died. His grave was provided by the Hebrew Free Burial society.

FLURRY AMONG DIPLOMATS

Is Occasioned by the Porte's Recent Grant to Austria.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The foreign office takes a cool view of the flurry among the diplomats of Europe occasioned by the porte granting permission to Austria to survey for a railroad extension that would make complete the rail connection with Saloniki, traversing a portion of Turkish territory.

Reports received here from St. Petersburg, Paris and Rome indicate that at the same time British diplomacy was working in those capitals with the object of causing a fresh grouping of the powers in near eastern affairs by means of which Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy would be able to impose their will upon the sultan and thus maneuver Austria and Germany into a weaker position at Constantinople.

Great Britain's ultimate object is believed to produce disorder in Turkish affairs so that a more permanent settlement may be reached before Russia fully recovers from the effects of her war with Japan.

30,000 HOMELESS MEN.

It Is Thought, However, Conditions Are Improving in New York.

New York, Feb. 22.—It is estimated by the managers of the Society for the Improvement of the Poor that there are approximately 30,000 homeless men in New York today. Of these probably 60 per cent are non-residents, while it is the society's estimate that about 1 per cent would work if they were given employment.

Though the poverty of the deserving unemployed is real and their need of help constant, the managers have reason to believe that the conditions are improving, the number of men out of work growing smaller and finally that the total of the deserving class of the unemployed has been over-estimated. The great majority, a society manager said, belong to the vagrant class and "work" the organization when they can get a chance to do so.

Three Safes Robbed of \$1,000.

Albany, Ga., Feb. 22.—A special agent from Kestler, a town on the G., F. & A. railroad, says that safe blowers blew three safes there Wednesday night, and secured about \$1,000. Two hundred dollars were taken from the safe of Haddock & Griffin; \$500 from Hightower & Son; \$250 in cash and \$50 in stamps from the postoffice at that place. The officers believe they have a clue that will lead to the arrest of the robbers.

Prominent Veteran Died.

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 22.—Freeman C. Stewart, aged 77 years, a prominent Confederate veteran, died Wednesday. While working for the Naval Iron Works here during the war he made the only breech-loading cannon that was ever manufactured for the Confederacy.

KANSAS DEMOCRATS

State Convention to Select Delegates to National Convention.

ARE CONCEDED FOR BRYAN

It Was Stated that ex-Senator Harris Would Very Likely Receive Nomination for United States Senator to Succeed Chester L. Long.

Hutchinson, Kans., Feb. 22.—Kansas democrats convened here Friday in state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Denver. The different congressional district delegations met also and selected two delegates to the national convention. It was conceded that W. J. Bryan would be endorsed, and that the delegates would be instructed to vote for him to the end. The number of prominent state democrats here was unusually large.

Ex-Senator William A. Harris was the most frequently spoken of to head the Denver delegation and his selection for the chairmanship of the delegates who will go to the national convention seemed to be a foregone conclusion. It was stated also that Mr. Harris would very likely receive the endorsement for United States senator to succeed Chester L. Long, whose term ends on March 3.

Grant Harrington of Hawattha was selected for temporary chairman of the convention.

TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

Home of the Late Charles Yerkes in New York Involved.

New York, Feb. 22.—Action has been begun by the Mutual Life Insurance company, to foreclose a mortgage for \$225,000 on the home of the late Charles T. Yerkes at Fifth avenue and Sixty-Eighth street, which was left in Mr. Yerkes' will for a public art gallery.

The mortgage, which was made in 1904, fell due in 1906, shortly after Mr. Yerkes' death. By his will Mr. Yerkes left the house to his wife during her life, with a provision that when she died it was to be turned into a public gallery.

The property is said to be worth \$1,500,000, and the art collection which it contains, including pictures, statuary, tapestry and bric-a-brac considerably more than that amount.

ACTUATED BY JEALOUSY.

Man Killed Woman With Ax and Then Cut His Own Throat.

Bingham, Me., Feb. 22.—James Dean broke into the home of Charles McKay at West Forks, 23 miles north of Bingham, shortly before midnight Thursday night, killed Mrs. McKay with an ax, after chasing her to the yard of a neighboring house and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

Dean was thirty years of age, came from Princeton, Me., two years ago and was employed in the lumbering camps. Mrs. McKay was twenty years of age and had been married three years.

It is believed that Dean was actuated by jealousy.

Department Changes.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The postmaster general has appointed Charles A. Courard, of Kentucky, to be chief clerk of the postoffice department to succeed Morrill O. Chance, of Illinois, recently appointed auditor of the treasury department for the postoffice department. Robert H. Prender, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed chief clerk of the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general to succeed Mr. Courard.

Cashier Gets Three Years.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—Alex. B. Butt, cashier of the wrecked People's Bank of Portsmouth, Va., Thursday pleaded guilty on three of the twenty-two indictments against him, and after making restitution to the depositors to the extent of \$37,000 on the total shortage of \$252,000, was sentenced by Judge Eals to three years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$7,194.

DETECTIVES' LONG CHASE.

Pursued Man Across Continent and Then Back Again.

New York, Feb. 22.—The arrest here Thursday night of James A. Baker, charged with killing E. Y. Hutchinson, a telegraph operator at Clarlington, W. Va., and robbing the railway station at that point, came after a chase to San Francisco and back to New York, which was participated in by Postoffice Inspector Kincaid and Detectives Rigor and Muss, of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The officers say that Baker, whose home is in Columbus, O., confessed to the killing of Hutchinson, Dec. 9, and to the robbery of a number of postoffices and railroad stations.

The officers say that Baker is of good family and is an amateur at robbery. They believe that he began his systematic looting of small postoffices and express offices only in November last. He has worked, they say, under a number of aliases, among them "J. C. Coles," "C. C. Rogers," "J. H. Young," "H. C. Wilson" and "R. C. Noel."

It was while asking for mail at the New York postoffice under the latter name that he was arrested.

The detectives say that they have discovered that under the latter name he is engaged to marry a girl of good family in Pittsburgh whose name they refuse to divulge.

CROP MAY BE SHORT.

Early Fruits and Vegetables Damaged By the Blizzard.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—Early fruits and vegetables, mostly intended for shipment to the north, have been badly damaged by the cold weather of the last two days, which arrived on the gulf coast simultaneously with the blizzard in the north.

Reports from southern Mississippi and Louisiana are that strawberries, which are in bloom, have been injured, and that lettuce, radishes and peas have also suffered. Peach, pear and orange trees escaped because the buds had not yet opened. Long Beach, Miss., which is on the gulf shore, reported ice half an inch thick.

MOTOR CAR PLANT BURNED.

Loss of \$300,000 at Dayton, Ohio. Covered by Insurance.

Dayton, O., Feb. 21.—The plant of the Dayton Motor Car company with its contents was destroyed by fire on Friday morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000, covered by insurance. While the cause of the blaze is not known, it is supposed to have been due to spontaneous combustion.

The flames made rapid progress, and the entire local fire department battled for many hours before subduing them.

Ten newly finished automobiles, valued at \$3,000 each, were consumed.

Railroads to Reduce Wages.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 22.—A special to the News from Bristol states that the Southern railroad has ordered a reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of all employees in Bristol effective March 1. The Virginia and Southwestern will also cut 10 per cent on March 1. The Norfolk and Western, which has granted two voluntary advances of 10 per cent within the past two years, has not yet made a reduction.

Sale of Chinese Curios.

New York, Feb. 22.—The second day's receipts of the sale of Chinese curios made by Mrs. E. H. Conger, in Pekin before and during the Boxer uprising while her husband was United States minister to China, amounted to \$9,387, making a total of \$17,439 for the two days' sales. A large number of articles were purchased presumably for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was also a large purchaser.

Aero Clubs to Meet.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Delegates from over twenty aero clubs throughout the country will meet in Chicago Feb. 22-24, when the Federation of American Aero Clubs will be formed. Many of the aeronautical celebrities in the United States will be in attendance. An informal dinner will be tendered the delegates at the Chicago Automobile club at which a number of addresses will be made.

PORTUGAL IS QUAKING

Air Full of Rumors of Plots and Counterplots.

MUCH FEAR IS EVIDENT

It Is Said that the Government Has Discovered a Francoist Plot at the Palace and Several Arrests Have Been Made.

Lisbon, Feb. 22.—The air is full of rumors of plots and counterplots.

An Oporto newspaper states positively that the government has discovered a Francoist plot at the palace and is prosecuting Counts Arnoso and Tarouca and Major Jose Lobo, who are alleged to be the leaders.

The republicans, however, declare that they will support the government if it continues its liberal policy.

The unsettled state of the public mind is reflected in business conditions which are very bad.

DALLAS MEETING ADJOURNS.

Important Resolutions Adopted by the Southern Cotton Association.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22.—The annual meeting of the Southern Cotton Association, which has been in session here for the past two days, was brought to a close after resolutions were adopted calling for the perfecting of the government cotton statistics, making them more reliable; the extending of the fight against the boll weevil across the Mississippi river; the enactment of laws in all states prohibiting dealing in futures; the proper protecting of cotton from weather in all stages of banding by common carriers; a 25 per cent reduction in acreage if the price of the staple at planting time is less than 15 cents; for a readily expansive and contractive local currency and urging that spot exchanges be encouraged.

The convention in concluding its business declared its desire of meeting in August instead of January or February and suggested Wilmington, N. C., as the place.

The time and place are left to the executive committee, but the convention offered the suggestion upon invitation of U. C. Moore, of Wilmington.

RUSSIAN GIRL SUICIDED

Because of Regret Over Conviction of General Stoesel.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 22.—Because of her regret over the conviction of General Stoesel at St. Petersburg Amelia Karris killed herself here on Thursday by inhaling illuminating gas.

The girl was a Russian, and had formerly been employed in the general's family. She was working here in the home of Joseph Silver and when she was informed of General Stoesel's conviction, she went to her room and no more was heard from her. When the escaping gas caused the door of her room to be broken open, she was found dead.

HELD UP BRAKEMAN.

Thieves Then Coolly Finished Looting a Freight Car.

New York, Feb. 22.—After holding up a brakeman who had surprised them in the act of robbing a freight car in the New York Central railroad yards at Eighty-fifth street early Friday and making him a prisoner at the point of revolvers until they had finished looting the car three men were overpowered by detectives after a desperate fight.

In the arrest of the men, police believe they have a gang which has stolen many thousands of dollars' worth of goods from freight cars during the past few months.

Killed on a Trestle.

Albany, Ga., Feb. 22.—A white man who was run down Wednesday night on the trestle leading to the Atlantic Coast Line bridge across the Flint river here, whose identity was a matter of mystery until identified at last as Augustus Hurst, who was many years ago sheriff of Thomas county and a tanner to desperate criminals.